

## LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

BOERS HAVE A  
GOOD START.

The Overwhelmingly Superior  
British Force Can't Catch Them.

## RETREAT WITHOUT FIGHTING.

Boers May Intend To Join The Commandoes  
From The Vicinity Of Wepener In The  
Neighborhood Of Ladybrand—Censors  
Have A Secret—Lord Roberts May Begin  
His Advance Northward—British Am-  
munition Stopped By Basutos—Cause Of  
Recent Explosion.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, April 29 (2:30 a. m.)—The total absence of news from the seat of war in South Africa during the last 24 hours, it is presumed, indicates that operations are progressing which it is deemed prudent to keep secret.

So far as the situation in the south-eastern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest dispatches, the main body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently holding Thabanchu, Leeuw Kop and Dewetdorp, is retreating, probably with a view of joining in the neighborhood of Ladybrand the commandoes from the vicinity of Wepener, who according to a dispatch from Allwal North dated April 28 made good their retreat to Ladybrand. The main body of the Boers is followed by Generals Hamilton, French, Brabant and Hart, while General Buller also is on the spot.

The British thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers if they succeed in overtaking them and bring them to bay.

## LOCATION OF THE BOERS.

It may be assumed that the Boers are to the eastward of a line drawn from Thabanchu to Wepener. The retreat, it seems, is being carried out without fighting, which indicates that the Boers have a good start and the dispatches say that they are not hampered much by transport and leave no visible wheel tracks behind them on the veldt.

This militates against the probability of their being overtaken and forced to a decisive action. While it is possible that news of such a battle may come at any moment the chance seems even that the retreating commandoes may get away without being forced to turn and fight.

It is within the range of possibilities that Lord Roberts, without waiting for the outcome of these maneuvers, may begin his advance northward. This may be the secret that the censors have been so jealously guarding. The outcome of this interesting situation cannot now be long delayed.

## CONVALESCENTS ON SHIP.

Cape Town, April 28.—Orders have been received here to clear all the hospitals of convalescents, and the are being removed to the hospital ship with a view to providing for future contingencies.

## STOPPED BRITISH AMMUNITION.

Pretoria, Friday, April 27.—The reporter of Reuters's Telegraph Company, with the Federals at Bradford is informed that the British at Jammersdrift tried to get ammunition through Basutoland, but that the Basutos stopped the wagons and informed General Devereux, a strong contingent of Basutos is now guarding the line to prevent entrance or exit from Basutoland.

Native reports from Johannesburg say the Government inspectors there are convinced that dynamite was the cause of the recent explosion, and that the dynamite's train has been traced to a vacant house in the vicinity of the first explosion. They have, therefore, stopped all trains through Delagoa Bay, in order to prevent the escape of the suspects.

## THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

COUNSEL FOR TAYLOR AND MARSHALL FILE BRIEF—TAYLOR LEAVES WASHINGTON.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, April 28.—Counsel for Hon. William S. Taylor and John Marshall, in the contest in the Supreme Court over the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky today filed their brief in the case in that court.

After reviewing the various points involved in the case the brief concludes as follows:

"We will not attempt any resume of the arguments. We simply insist that the pretended 'adjudication,' which is pleaded by Mr. Beckham as the foundation of his action, whether by an oligarchy, whether we vote by right secured by law, or by grace of a few men. It matters not that these men may

themselves have been elected. They were given no commission by the people to select a Governor for them; and, as said by Mr. Jefferson, speaking for himself and his compatriots, 'An elective despotism is not the government we fought for.'

"We have been denied republicanism, the principle has failed in its duty, and we call on the guarantee to make its guaranty. We ask for the protection of liberty against the arbitrary exercise of the powers of the government."

Washington, April 28.—Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, left this city at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon over the Chesapeake and Ohio, presumably for Frankfort, though at his hotel it was stated that his destination was unknown. He had a short interview with the President before leaving. Governor Taylor left instructions at the hotel to forward his mail to Frankfort. He was accompanied by his wife.

## Attempted Bank Robbery.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Lynn, Mass., April 28.—A bold attempt was made to rob the Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank shortly after noon to-day. During the lunch hour a man approached the teller's window and passed a note to Harriet P. Houghton, who was on duty. The note read:

"Don't speak or make any noise or I'll put a bullet through your brain. Count out \$500, and be quick; pass it to me without trouble. I have two friends watching you now, and any attempt to communicate with any one will mean your death."

Miss Houghton, although considerably alarmed, quickly reached a button near her desk which sounded an electrical call for the police. Then she coolly informed the man what she had done. Without a pause the robber down Market street. The police arrived a few minutes later.

## Our Claims Against Turkey.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, April 28.—The United States Government has not received the slightest intimation from any European nation of a disposition on its part to interfere in any manner in the present dispute between the United States and Turkey over the American indemnity claims.

The phase in the matter to be feared is the possibility of the part of the Turkish Government, something harder to meet than unqualified refusal to pay. It is understood that Mr. Griscom is shaping his representation to the Porte with special reference to the avoidance of this bluff.

Ernest Reyer, the Turkish Minister, called at the State Department this afternoon and spent an hour in conference with Secretary Hay. Beyond the statement that the indemnity claims were the subject of discussion, nothing official could be learned of what took place between the two.

## Chicago's Labor War.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Chicago, April 28.—The grand jury definitely determined to-day to investigate the labor war now on in Chicago. The members of the jury have determined to make the investigation a thorough one, and labor leaders of Chicago as well as representatives of the material men and contractors will be summoned to tell of the conditions which have brought about the almost total cessation of building operations of all kinds in Chicago and its suburbs.

## Senor Paterno Captured.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Manila, April 28.—Major-General Lloyd Wheaton reports that Senor Paterno, the former President of the Filipino so-called Cabinet, was captured in the mountains near Trinidad, province of Benguet, April 25. Paterno recently, through relatives in Manila, requested and received permission to enter the American lines, but failed to appear. His relatives explained that he had been sick a long time and was an invalid. He was brought to San Fernando on a litter ambulance by soldiers of the Forty-eighth Regiment.

## Vanderbilt-French Engagement.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
New York, April 2.—The engagement of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, second son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Miss Elsie French, the daughter of Mrs. Francis Ormond French, was announced to-day.

Francis Ormond French, the father of Miss French, was a well-known New Yorker, the president of the Manhattan Trust Company. He left a fortune which has been estimated at \$15,000,000. Alfred Vanderbilt inherited the greater part of his father's enormous fortune. He is 22 years old and a graduate of Yale.

## Ottawa's Fire Loss.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—The estimates on the damage wrought by Thursday's fire prove to have been under rather than over the mark. A careful survey of the field gives the following results:

Dead, seven; homeless, 15,000; buildings burned, 3,000; hands out of work, 5,000; value of property destroyed, \$15,000,000. The loss of lumber alone is put at \$25,000,000. This makes a total loss for lumber of about \$3,500,000.

## The Buffalo Strikers.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Buffalo, N. Y., April 28.—It was arranged to-night that the representatives of the striking shop and repair men of the New York Central should meet in consultation to-morrow afternoon with commissioners. The contention will remain in abeyance pending the interview. The strikers claim to-night that 3,200 men are out; and the railroad people concede 2,200.

NEW OFFICIALS  
FOR HAWAII.

The President Is Receiving Many  
Suggestions As To Material.

## DOLE LEADS THE LIST.

Harold Sewell, Of Maine, And Two Men Of  
Hawaiian Birth Would Each Like To Be  
Governor—Believed That Dole Will Be  
Selected For The Post As A Recognition  
Of His Services In Securing Annexation  
Of The Hawaiian Islands To The United  
States The Appointments Will Be Made  
Soon In Order To Secure Relief From  
Present Unpleasant State Of Affairs.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, April 28.—In anticipation of the final enactment of the Hawaiian Government bill, the President is devoting some attention to the selection of the various officials of the new Government who are subject to executive appointment. It is the intention to make these appointments

on students' work by Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, Professor J. Rosa Stevenson and H. C. Duncan, of England. In the Central Presbyterian Church able preachers and missionaries took up the best methods for reaching Japan, China and the Moslem lands. The speakers included Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Richmond.

The young people's afternoon meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. B. L. Whitman, of the Columbia University, Washington. His subject was "Organized Movements Among Young People of the Church—Their Experiences and Missionary Possibilities."

## THE TEXAS FLOOD.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT FROM  
THREE TO FIVE MILLION  
DOLLARS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Waco, Texas, April 28.—The flood situation remains practically unchanged from last night. Conditions could hardly be worse. Every available wagon, dray and float was brought into use, and the entire night was spent in moving hundreds of families out of the submerged district. There are no new names added to the list of fatalities to-day, but reports of persons missing are numerous. A call for aid, signed by the Mayor and many prominent citizens, has been sent out, and a mass-meeting of the citizens of Waco will be held Monday night to devise means to aid the suffering and those in need. The local weather bureau gives the rainfall for the past twenty-four hours as 4.5, the heaviest on record. Specialists from Houston say that not since 1852 has that city and vicinity been visited by such a downpour of rain as fell there during the past two days. The Salido

PETTIGREW  
IN THE SENATE.

He Offers A Resolution Of Sym-  
pathy With The Boers.

## VOTE SHOWED NO QUORUM.

The House Passes A Number Of Important  
Bills—Gold And Silver Medals For He-  
roes Of War With Spain—Debate On  
Senate Bill To Create A Commission To  
Adjudicate All Claims Of Citizens Of  
United States Against Spain \$33,000,-  
000 In Cuban and \$4,000,000 In Porto  
Rican Claims Bill To Refer The Claims  
To The Court Of Claims.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, April 28.—Quite unexpectedly to-day the Senate was brought face to face with the proposition to extend its sympathy to the Boers in their war with Great Britain. In the midst of the consideration of bills of minor importance Mr. Pettigrew, S. D., called up the following and asked for its immediate consideration:

(South Dakota), Rawlins (Utah), Teller (Colorado), Turner (Washington), and Vest (Missouri).

Another roll-call developing the absence of a quorum, the Senate at 1:40 p. m. adjourned.

## BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, April 28.—The House passed a number of bills of importance to-day. The major portion of the session was devoted to the Senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate the claims of citizens of the United States against Spain assumed by this country by the treaty of Paris. The bill developed considerable opposition, and was finally recommitted to the Committee on War Claims with instructions to report back a bill to refer the claims to the Court of Claims.

The Senate bills to recognize the services of Lieutenant Newcomb and the officers and men of the revenue cutter Hudson, which rescued the torpedo boat Winslow at Cardenas, Cuba, by conferring gold and silver medals upon them and to retire Captain Hodgson, of the revenue cutter Hugh McCullough, were passed.

Francis B. Lassiter, who succeeds the late Representative Sydney Epes, from the Fourth Virginia District, was sworn in. In connection with the presentation of his credentials a communication was read from James Selden Cowden protesting against the seating of Mr. Lassiter and filing notice of a formal contest on the ground that the vote by which Mr. Lassiter obtained election was a "paper vote," not actually cast.

Bills were passed to authorize the Carolina Railroad Company to construct a bridge across Lumber river, N. C.; to provide for the revision and codification of the general laws of the United States; to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Back Bay, at Niles, Miss.

## CLAIMS AGAINST SPAIN.

At 2 o'clock the Senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate all claims of citizens of the United States against Spain, which the United States, under the treaty with Spain, agreed to adjudicate and settle, was taken up.

Mr. Ray, of New York, opposed the bill. He argued that there was no necessity for such a commission. It created, he said, three commissioners at \$5,000 annually; a chief clerk at \$3,000; an Assistant Attorney-General at an unlimited number of assistant attorneys at \$200 a month, and a big corps of clerks and stenographers.

Mr. Ray contended that the Court of Claims should do this work. They had ample time and the additional labor would not break them down. The only excuse and justification for the enactment of this bill, Mr. Ray declared, was a desire of certain Senators to get good berths for their constituents. He demanded to know how many claims had been filed and how they amounted to.

Mr. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, replied that he did not know how many claims had been filed, but that the legislation was recommended by the President and the Secretary of State.

Mr. Mahon also inquired as to the claims for Cuba aggregated \$33,000,000, and those from Porto Rico \$4,000,000. He offered a substitute providing that the commission shall not exist over eighteen months; that all claims not filed within six months shall be forever barred, and that the awards shall be final.

After further debate the bill and substitute were recommitted to the Committee on War Claims, with instructions to report back a bill to refer the claims to the Court of Claims.

At 4:20 p. m. the House adjourned.

## Characteristic Gridiron Dinner.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, April 28.—The Gridiron Club held a national convention to-night and the Washington correspondents comprising that organization scored a "beat" on the parties which will nominate candidates for the Presidency. The April dinner of the club was based on the convention idea. Over the doors to the banquet hall were the words "Gridiron Convention," and everything that followed was on the national convention order in Gridiron style.

The idea of a convention was carried out in the elaborate decorations. At intervals along tables were staffs and banners bearing the names and coat of arms of the states. Among the appropriate legends were "Admiral Dewey's headquarters, Parlor 1, 313," "Hanna, Quay and reform," etc.

There were a large number of Congressmen and public men present. Among the guests who spoke were ex-Senator Gorman, Senators Allison, Dewey, Carter, Hanna, Representatives Allen, Dalzell and others.

## Big Labor Parade At New York.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
New York, April 28.—Thirty thousand persons took part to-night in the May-day parade of the Socialist Labor party and the Central Federated Union. After the parade there was a May-day demonstration in Union Square under the auspices of the May-day conference. There were about 2,000 women in line. During the march six hundred of the striking cigarette girls sang "The Labor Marching Song."

## Lacoste Succeeds Rivera.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Havana, April 28.—Senor Perfecto Lacoste has accepted the office of Secretary of Agriculture, made vacant by the resignation of General Ruiz Rivera. Senor Estrada Mora, Acting Mayor of Havana, will be offered the Mayoralty for the remainder of the term, which will expire some time after the elections are held.

## Governor Tanner Very Ill.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Chicago, April 28.—Dr. Nicholas Senn said to-night that the condition of Governor Tanner was alarming. The State's executive arrived in Chicago in the morning, a critically sick man and is now confined to his bed at the Great Northern Hotel. The patient's chances of recovery are not considered very hopeful.

AN ACCIDENT  
AT RICHMOND.

Overhead Bridge Falls—Three  
Killed And Three Injured.

## BURGLARS ARE AT WORK.

Richmond Delegates To The State Con-  
vention Leave Tuesday Morning—It Is In-  
timated That There May Be A Lack Of  
Harmony In The Richmond Delegation  
—Tipstaff Talley Of The Supreme Court  
Dead—Danville Will Have A New Mil-  
itary Company—Copies Of The New  
Revenue Law Being Sent To All Parts  
Of The State.

(Special To The Virginian-Pilot.)  
Richmond, Va., April 28.—The tumbling of a hoisting engine and crane from an overhead bridge work into Main street this afternoon, resulted in the death of three men, and the injury of three others:

The dead are: Walter S. Plock, Philadelphia; George B. Bower, Halifax, Pa.; Harry Marzoff, Harrisburg, Pa. The injured: Arthur L. Everett, Richmond; Miller Brubaker, Halifax, Pa.; Joseph Simmers, Harrisburg, Pa.

The injured, with the possible exception of Everett will recover.

The men were engaged in raising a 10-ton girder from the street, preparatory to hauling it a hundred yards to place it in position. What caused the accident is not known.

The workmen were in the employ of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., of Steelton, Pa., which concern is erecting the overhead bridge work in this city on which the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad will run. The road under construction is part of the Seaboard Air Line system.

The dead men were horribly crushed.

## BURGLARS AT WORK.

Burglars forced an entrance to the office of Mr. Fritz Sitterding, a wealthy contractor, at an early hour this morning. A hole was drilled in the safe, a charge of dynamite inserted, and the receptacle blown all to pieces. The office was considerably damaged, valuable papers being blown in every direction.

The thieves secured only about \$10 in cash, Mr. Sitterding having wisely called the balance home with him the night before. The police are searching for the burglars with but little hope of apprehending them.

Extensive improvements are being made at the Old Bay Line Company's wharves, Fulton, and it is rumored that a daily service will be established between this city and Baltimore by May 15th.

The remains of Mr. John L. Talley, first of the Supreme Court, who died last night, were taken to Ashland to-day and interred.

Governor Tyler has been requested to appoint delegates to the conference of the Associated Charities and Corrections, which will be held at Topeka, Kan., May 18th to 25th.

A military company to be known as the Danville Light Infantry, has been granted the right to organize at that place.

Six hundred copies of the revenue law are being sent to various parts of the State by the Auditor.

The Richmond delegates to the State Convention will leave Richmond on Tuesday. It seems now pretty well settled that Mr. John R. Ginner, an anti-convention man, will be chairman of the delegation. This does not please the "Convention" delegates at all, and there may be a lack of harmony.

## INCREASE IN WAGES.

The Richmond Traction Company this afternoon announced that it would grant its employees ten per cent. increase in wages. This increase applies only to those who have served one year with the company, but there is to be a provisional advance in wages to all.

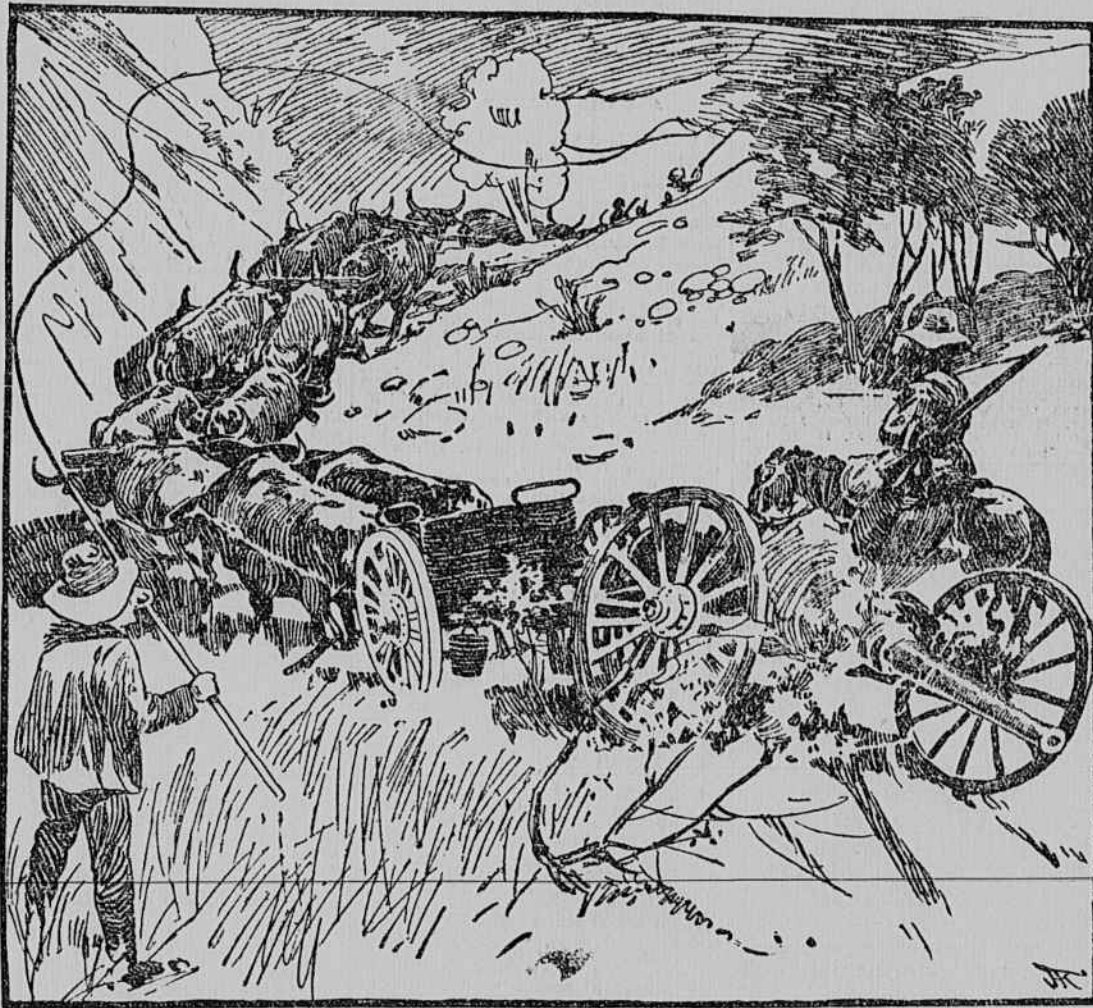
## In Favor Of Tobacco.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—The decision of Judge Simonton in the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company case was received here to-day. It is in favor of the American Tobacco Company on every point—making the receivership permanent and ordering the sale of the property. This is a suit, it will be remembered, brought by officers, directors and employees of the American Tobacco Company, who are also large stockholders in the Blackwell Company, to have a receiver appointed for the Blackwell Company and close up its business.

## CLASSIFICATION OF NEWS.

BY DEPARTMENTS.

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HOW THE WILY BOERS ESCAPE WITH THEIR ARTILLERY.

Since the Anglo-Boer war began the "embattled farmers" of the two Boer republics have furnished the British military experts with many surprises. One of the greatest of these surprises is the wonderful mobility of the Boers—their ability to move large bodies of men and heavy artillery great distances in an incredibly short time. Their method of moving heavy artillery through the rough country of the Orange Free State is shown in the accompanying illustration. Yoke after yoke of oxen are attached to a gun, and the strong, hardy, patient beasts, urged by the long whips of native drivers, drag the gun through the most difficult country at a fair rate of speed with comparative ease.

very soon in order that there may be no delay in the inauguration of the new government, and to secure a speedy relief from the serious embarrassments of the present anomalous condition of affairs.

The Hawaiian contingent in Washington has not been behind hand in suggesting suitable material to the President for his consideration in this connection. Particularly in the case of the Governorship have there been urgent representations. There are no less than four candidates in the field. The name of President Dole leads the list; Harold Sewell, late U. S. Minister to Honolulu, and now United States agent in the islands, is making a formidable canvass, backed by the Maine delegation, and there are two persons of Hawaiian birth prominent in the affairs in the islands, whose names also are under consideration. There is ground for the belief that of these candidates President Dole is looked upon most favorably, the President inclining to the view, that by making such an appointment he would not only recognize the principle of home rule, but also would make suitable recognition of the long continued and effective efforts of Sanford B. Dole to secure the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States.

## Ecumenical Conference.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
New York, April 28.—Most of the work of the Ecumenical Conference to-day was given over to the young people. At 10 the students had their meeting in the big hall. There were papers

overbroke all previous records and destroyed the fine iron bridge at this place.

The large steel bridge at Little river, on the main line of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, is wrecked. The Leon river is out of its banks and the electric plant is flooded, the city being in total darkness.

Dallas, Tex., April 28.—The floods show no signs of receding. On the contrary most of the Texas rivers are rising. A Fort Worth telegram at 10 a. m. said the Trinity river had over flowed, doing much property damage. A bulletin from Waco at 10:30 o'clock said the list of dead there will reach from 10 to 15 persons. The property damage in Waco will exceed \$150,000. The telegraph lines of both companies are gone south of Waco, isolating more than one half of the State.

Railroad movements are suspended south of Dallas on almost every line in the State. The loss by flood and hurricane since yesterday morning is estimated to reach \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, including damage to railroads and crops. The damage to railroads is immense.

## Whipping Post In Delaware.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Dover, Del., April 28.—Fully a thousand people were present at the county jail here to-day to witness the whippings of nine culprits, all colored, who had been sentenced for petit larceny. Four of the nine received twenty lashes, the lash was well laid on by Sheriff Wharton. Samuel Granger, an old offender, in addition to his lashes, was compelled to stand in the pillory for one hour.